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SUBJECT: CRITICISM OF US IN SOMALI WEEKLY

REFERENCE: MOGADISCIO 0106

1. THE SEMI-OFFICIAL HORSEED CONTINUES TO CARRY ARTICLES CRITICAL OF US. JANUARY 31 EDITION, IN ARTICLE DEVOTED TO DEFICIENCIES OF FOREIGN AID IN GENERAL, CRITICIZES US AND PRESIDENT FORD BY NAME FOR POLICY OF "THREATS" AND UNILATERAL MEASURES TOWARDS OIL PRODUCERS. ANOTHER ARTICLE CRITICIZES US POLICY IN VIET-NAM, SAYING PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE CONTINUED UNSUCCESSFUL POLICIES OF PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS AND JOHN FOSTER DULLES. ARABIC LANGUAGE SECTION CONTAINS ARTICLE WHICH, AFTER PRAISING SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR HIS ROLE IN VIET-NAM AND MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS, CRITICIZES HIS STATEMENTS ON USE OF FORCE TOWARDS OIL PRODUCERS.

2. HORSEED ARTICLES ARE RELATIVELY MILD COMPARED TO ARTICLES IN MUCH OF WORLD'S PRESS. IT IS IN THEORY AN "INDEPENDENT" JOURNAL AND OFFICALLY DOES NOT RPT NOT

CARRY SIMILAR STORIES. HOWEVER, HORSEED ARTICLES REPRESENT DEPARTURE FROM GSDR POLICY OF NOT RPT NOT CRITICIZING US BY NAME AND, AS SUCH, WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE NOTED.

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THEREFORE, WE WILL RAISE THESE ARTICLES WITH SOMALI

AUTHORITIES ON NEXT APPROPRIATE OCCASION, SAYING THAT
THIS HEIGHTENED CRITICISM OF US BY NAME HARDLY SEEMS
CONSISTENT WITH SOMALI GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT ENDEAVOR
TO IMPROVE SOMALI-US RELATIONS.
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